

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 1, delete "and 2".

In claim 5, line 1, delete "-4".

In claim 7, line 1, delete "claims 5-6" and insert --claim 5--.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "-8".

In claim 14, line 1, delete "according to claim 1-8" and insert -- to detect and

phenotype target cells, such as animal and human cells, in cell suspensions by using particles coated with antibodies/ligands directed against antigenic determinants/receptors expressed on the target cells, except when the target cells are malignant and normal haematopoietic and lymphatic cells, characterized in that 2 - 6 antibodies or ligands, each antibody or ligand conjugated to each of several types of particles instrumentally or visually separable by fluorescence, color and size, with sizes ranging from 0.01 $\mu$ m - 6 $\mu$ m, wherein the ratio between the number of particles and the number of cells ranges from 20 : 1 to 0.5 : 1, are incubated under gentle rotation for 5-10 minutes to 2 hours with cell suspensions containing the target cells at 00C to 250C, optionally followed by a per se known enrichment procedure, and evaluation of the target cell rosettes microscopically and/or by suitable visualizing or imaging devices.

In claim 14, line 3, delete "claims 5-7" and insert --claim 5--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 14.

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